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THE BEST EDUCATION.

Each year brings to the general public, as well as to the educators, the conviction that the present system of education is inadequate to the demands of the day. The great public, which is more directly interested in school methods than the educators themselves, are waking to the conviction that there is much to be learned from the study in the schools. This conviction is not limited to any class of intelligence. It is permeating all classes. With this more complete view of education comes among the higher classes a greater respect for skilled labor. In these days when riches suddenly take to themselves wings and fly away when there may be luxury one week and penury the next, it is necessary for every one to be prepared for these emergencies. The exigencies in business life cannot always be foretold with accuracy. The laws that govern the evolutions of commerce are to a certain extent the same in their tendency and as unerring in their effect as those that govern the evolutions of nature.

It has long been a great mistake of the rich to educate their children in the effluences of knowledge, and to teach them to view manual labor as lowering in its influences. But the preservation is one of the first laws of nature and there are comparatively few people who would rather starve to death than work with their hands. The instinct of nature is strong with us all, and there is that consciousness in every one, at least in nearly every one, that forces him to labor in order to save his own life. The complications of social conditions and the consequent competition in all departments of industrial and professional life, together with these sudden disappearances of fortunes, are impressing upon the minds of all, the rich as well as the poor, the necessity of being "forerunners." The man who is armed is always ready for an attack. The man who has a skilled brain and hand to fall back upon is ready for an emergency.

If society is to be compactly built and enduring, we must all contribute our labor, not only to make it so, but to keep it so. We have no more of the disintegrating elements as we need, the insane, the criminal classes, the paupers, the idle, the beggar, the homeless, the aged, the infirm. We have in this wide domain many that are needy, but that are not the wards of the public. With the increase of the population comes an increase in society's burdens. The complication in social conditions must be avoided to every one that will take the trouble to penetrate the slight crust which develops life in the United States. The only way to put an obstacle in the way of this alarming increase in our non-producing class, or non-contributing classes, is to educate our children to become producers and contributors. The present system of education is good so far as it goes, but it does not go far enough.

If all members of society were producers as well as consumers there would be less necessity for pauperism. Practical education might be introduced without lessening the tendency to crime. An idle brain is the devil's workshop in a saying as true as it is old. Thomas Carlyle's ringing sentences may be quoted here. Says the great philosopher: "Produce, produce, produce. If it be the most infinitesimal part of a product, in God's name produce it. 'Work while it is yet day, for the night cometh wherein no man can work.' It is the business of those who direct education to consider these facts deeply."—Detroit Free Press.

The Young Man from College.

College bred young men are without experience on the practical side of life. The pushing, alert business man is not particularly impressed with the value of a college degree in forecasting the market or determining the value of "job lots," because he knows business is not a theory at all, but a hard fact. Then, too, college men often give themselves superior airs, which do not go down with their associates, the majority of whom have received homely scars in their fight with circumstances, and have little tenderness for carpet knights. Moreover, the impressionable and formative period of life having been spent in the school room, they have not acquired that alertness, that power to grasp a business situation or problem and instantly solve it. Nothing in the school room taught them the shrewd, watchful readiness competition makes necessary.

Take the young fellow who left school as soon as he had mastered the rule of three, and entered upon the struggle for existence. His mind was open to all impressions—he learned business with out knowing he was learning, as a child learns to talk. He has formed business habits unconsciously. His mind was molded to alertness, rapidly and thoughtfully. He has a promptitude of action, the requirements of business character. Let us illustrate. Take a little fellow of 8 or 9 years, brought up in a well regulated home, and place him beside the street Arab, bootblack or newsboy. On the score of mental activity and practical knowledge and shrewdness, the latter will run him over in two minutes. Does not some such difference exist between the educated young man and the one to whom business has been a matter of daily life since early youth, which makes employers prefer the latter?—Baldwin's Textile Designer.

Betrayed.
The minister's wife sat on the front porch mending the clothes of one of her numerous progeny. A neighbor passing stopped for a social chat. A large work basket, half full of buttons, sat on the floor of the porch. After various remarks of a gossiping nature, the visitor said: "You seem to be well supplied with buttons, Mrs. Goodman."

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"Yes, indeed. If there ain't two of the same buttons my husband had on his last winter suit, I'd know 'em anywhere."

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